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- 1. SUMMARY: CYPRIOT PRESS IS INCREASINGLY PESSIMISTIC OVER VIENNA VI DEVELOPMENTS. GREEK PRESS FEARS DEADLOCK, URGES INCREASED PRESSURE ON TURKS TO MAKE TERRITORIAL RESPONSE. TURKISH PRESS OUTRAGED BY GREEK MAP, TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL, COMPLAINS INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS DO NOT SEE SINISTER GREEK MOVES. END SUMMARY.
- 2. VIENNA VI, GREEK CYPRIOT MAP AND TURKISH CYPRIOT CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS (REFTEL) PREOCCUPIED GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS APR 3-4. MOST PAPERS APR 3 CARRIED SPECULATIVE NEWS UNCLASSIFIED

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STORIES SUGGESTING OUTSIDE EFFORTS ARE AIMED AT AVOIDING DEADLOCK AT VIENNA. TYPICAL HEADINGS: CONSERVATIVE AGHON "LEDSKY PRESSURED ONAN," COMMUNIST HARAVGHI: "NATO CIRCLES PRESS, BLACKMAIL GREEK SIDE;" SEMI-OFFICIAL PHILELEFTHEROS, "INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE ON TURKS." APR 4 PRESS PLAYED UP MONDAY AS DECISIVE DAY FOR SUCCESS OF TALKS. PRO-MAKARIOS KYPROS HEADLINED: "TALKS REACH RAZOR'S

EDGE." RIGHTEST WEEKLY THARROS NOTED "CRUCIAL MESSAGES FROM WALDHEIM AND CLIFFORD TO DENKTASH" AND PRO-MAKARIOS WEEKLY DEMOCRATIKI REPORTED "MILD U.S. NOTE TO ANKARA."

3. GREEK CYPRIOT EDITORIALS APR 3 EMPHASIZED PESSIMISTIC NEWS FROM VIENNA. PHILELEFTHEROS AND PRO-CLERIDES SIMERINI COMPLAINED THAT TURKS ARE RENEGING ON COMMITMENTS TO WALD-HEIM AND CLIFFORD BUT BOTH PAPERS PREDICTED GREEK SIDE WILL EMERGE STRENGTHENED FROM VIENNA VI AS WORLD PUBLIC OPINION WILL TURN AGAINST INTRANSIGENT TURKS. COMMUNIST HARAVGHI COMPLAINED THAT U.S. AND WESTERN OBSERVERS IN VIENNA ARE ONLY INTERESTED IN RESCUING NATO AND ARE INDIFFERENT TO FATE OF CYPRUS OR JUST SOLUTION, UNLIKE SOVIET UNION WHICH IS PRO-CYPRIOT. PRO-LYSSARIDES TA NEA CLAIMED TALKS ARE ALREADY DEADLOCKED BY TURK CYPRIOT UNWILLINGNESS TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS AND CALLED ON READERS TO "STRUGGLE FOR AS LONG AS IT MAY BE NECESSARY --- FOR THE LIBERATION OF THE CYPRUS TERRITORY FROM TURKISH OCCUPATION." MANY OF SAME THEMES WERE REPEATED IN APR 4 EDITORIALS. KYPROS, THARROS AND DEMOCRATIKI IN ADDITION CALLED ON U.S. AND WEST TO EXERT PRESSURE ON ANKARA TO ADOPT MORE CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDES.

4. TURK CYPRIOT PRESS APR 3-4 ALSO NOTED INCREASING TENSION IN VIENNA FOLLOWING CANCELLATION OF SATURDAY AFTERNOON'S MEETING. BOZKURT APR 4 CARRIED STORY ALLEGING GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR PAPADOPOULOS THREATENED TO LEAVE TALKS, ARGUED PUBLICLY WITH MEMBERS OF HIS DELEGATION AND HAS BEEN VISITED BY AMERICAN AND BRITISH REPRESENTATIVES WHO ASKED HIM TO PRESENT NEW, MORE SUITABLE MAP AND CRITICIZED UNCLASSIFIED

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AS "GREAT TACTICAL MISTAKE" HIS THREAT TO ABANDON TALKS. IN EDITORIALS TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESS ACCUSED GREEK CYPRIOTS OF "LACK OF GOODWILL AND REALISM" IN PRESENTING MAP WHICH HALKIN SESI CHARACTERIZED APR 4 AS "A SCANDAL ... A SINISTER MOVE TO DESTROY COMPLETELY THE TURKISH FEDERATED STATE." PAPER COMPLAINED AMERICAN OBSERVER IN VIENNA AND U.N. OFFICIALS DO NOT REALIZE ULTIMATE AIM OF GREEKS IS TO DESTROY "TFSC".

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